

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. My name is Ramya Sinha, and I am a Staff Attorney at Bet Tzedek Legal Services. I am speaking today in strong support of the Rodriguez-Blumenfield Motion to study raising the small business exemption threshold. The current \$100,000 threshold for the Small Business Exemption program has not been updated since July 2006—nearly 20 years ago—while the cost of doing business in Los Angeles has increased dramatically. This motion is a critical first step toward ensuring our small businesses, the backbones of our communities, can remain economically viable in our city. This forward-thinking motion could incentivize street vendors and food truck operators to open brick-and-mortar restaurants, creating new jobs and strengthening our commercial corridors. By studying the feasibility and fiscal impact of raising this threshold and examining what other cities are doing, the Council is taking a data-driven approach to supporting small business growth. I urge you to approve this motion and deliver meaningful relief for small businesses that have served Los Angeles for generations. Thank you.